

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 213
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A RESOLUTION to designate a certain bridge spanning the Obion River and State Route 88 between Lauderdale and Dyer Counties as the "W.T. Cutchin, Jr. Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those prominent politicians and public servants who during their lifetimes contributed significantly to the panoramic history and rich heritage of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, W.T. Cutchin, Jr. of Dyersburg, previous owner of the W.T. Cutchin and Associates Construction Company, is most assuredly one such august person; and

WHEREAS, born November 1, 1918 in Badin, North Carolina, Mr. Cutchin moved to Dyersburg in 1933 and graduated from Dyersburg High School in 1937; and

WHEREAS, W.T. Cutchin was indoctrinated into the bridge and road building business at an early age, working as a "waterboy" for his father's employer, the Forcum-James Company, at a bridge spanning the Forked Deer River in Dyersburg; and;

WHEREAS, while a student at the University of Tennessee, Mr. Cutchin enrolled in a civilian pilot training course and later received a commercial pilot license; and

WHEREAS, during his senior year at UT he worked as a flight instructor in Jackson and during that fateful endeavor met his future wife, the beloved Carolyn Bond; and

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WHEREAS, after his release from the United States Army in 1943, Mr. Cutchin went to work at Forcum-James and subsequently formed W.T. Cutchin and Associates, building roads and bridges in Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, although he sold the company in 1978, W.T. Cutchin remained active in the industry up to his retirement in 1980; and

WHEREAS, it is thus most appropriate that a certain bridge spanning the Obion River and State Route 88 between Lauderdale and Dyer Counties should bear his honorable name; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That in commemoration of a life committed to the highest ideals of public service, the bridge that spans the Obion River and State Route 88 on State Route 181 between Lauderdale and Dyer Counties is hereby designated the "W.T. Cutchin Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "W.T. Cutchin Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.